GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Performance of NIOS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students enrolled including those belonging to the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) during the last three years, State/Districtwise and year-wise including Rajasthan;
(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality and efficiency of NIOS during the last three years;
(c) whether the Government has included schemes initiated by the Ministry of Skill Development into the curriculum of NIOS and if so, the details thereof along with the other skill development and vocational courses available in NIOS;
(d) the details of funds allocated/utilised for operation of NIOS during the last three years, State-wise; and
(e) whether any evaluation of the performance of NIOS in States has been taken by the Government and if so, the details of best performing and worst performing States?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)
(a) : Details of students enrolled in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) during the last three years are as under:-
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Category 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
General 365124 345246 352474
Scheduled Castes 54208 47741 48145
Scheduled Tribes 43684 35808 37327
Other Backward Classes 61550 64001 65210
Total 524566 492796 503156
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(Detailed information about State/District-wise enrolment, including in Rajasthan is available on the website of NIOS at www.nios.ac.in).
(b): NIOS has taken initiatives to improve quality and efficiency, such as development of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) to provide freedom to learners to study and get assessed anytime, anywhere, NIOS community radio offering special approach to community, setting up of more regional offices in North East and promotion of languages of north east, in-service training for elementary teachers, professional development programme of elementary education, equivalency programme for continuing education of neo-literates, development of language learning courses in Indian languages and educational and livelihood support to differently abled persons.
(c): NIOS offers 96 vocational courses in the areas of Agriculture, Business and Commerce, Computer and Information Technology, Health and Paramedical Sciences, Home Science and Hospitality and Teacher Training through a network of 1400 Accredited Vocational Institutes across the country.
(d) and (e): No funds have been allocated to NIOS during the last three years, as NIOS generates its own revenue to sustain its activities. Government evaluates performance of NIOS from time to time. NIOS undertakes research studies at intervals. However, no nation-wide study has been conducted.
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